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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 6th, 7th and 36th meetings, on 17 and 18 October and 23 December 2005. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/60/SR.6, 7 and 36).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on Contributions;[1]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans (A/60/66);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the unpaid assessed contributions of the former Yugoslavia (A/60/140);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on the outstanding assessed contributions of the former Yugoslavia (A/58/189);

(e) Letter dated 27 December 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/56/767);

* Reissued for technical reasons.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/60/11).

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(f) Letter dated 12 October 2005 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/60/2).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.20

4. At its 36th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations" (A/C.5/60/L.20), submitted by the representative of South Africa on behalf of the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.20 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 54/237 C of 23 December 1999, 57/4 B of 20 December 2002, 59/1 A of 11 October 2004, 59/1 B of 23 December 2004 and 59/312 of 14 July 2005,

Recalling also rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions on the work of its sixty-fifth session,[1]

Having also considered the letter dated 12 October 2005 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee,[2]

Having further considered the report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans,[3]

Reaffirming the obligation of all Member States under Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations to bear the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly,

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1. *Reaffirms* its role in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of the Charter and the advisory role of the Committee on Contributions in accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

2. *Also reaffirms* its resolution 54/237 C;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of Member States the deadline specified in resolution 54/237 C, including through an early announcement in the *Journal of the United Nations* and through direct communication;

4. *Urges* all Member States requesting exemption under Article 19 of the Charter to submit as much information as possible in support of their requests and to consider submitting such information in advance of the deadline specified in resolution 54/237 C to enable the collation of any additional detailed information that may be necessary;

5. *Agrees* that the failure of the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Somalia and Tajikistan to pay the full minimum amount

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/60/11).

[2] A/C.5/60/2.

[3] A/60/96.

necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter was due to conditions beyond their control;

6. *Decides* that the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Somalia and Tajikistan should be permitted to vote in the General Assembly until the end of its sixtieth session;

7. *Takes note* of the information provided by the representatives of Liberia, the Niger and Sao Tome and Principe;

8. *Concludes* that the failure of Liberia, the Niger and Sao Tome and Principe to pay the full minimum amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter was due to conditions beyond their control, and invites Liberia, the Niger and Sao Tome and Principe to submit appropriate information to the Committee on Contributions if similar circumstances prevail in the future;

9. *Decides* that Liberia, the Niger and Sao Tome and Principe should be permitted to vote in the General Assembly until the end of its sixtieth session;

10. *Decides also* that future exemptions under Article 19 of the Charter shall generally be granted through the end of the session of the General Assembly at which related requests are considered;

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11. *Reaffirms* paragraph 1 of its resolution 57/4 B;

12. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on Contributions concerning multi-year payment plans, as contained in paragraphs 63 to 65 of its report,[1] and encourages Member States with arrears to consider submitting such a plan;

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans;[3]

14. *Urges* all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without imposing conditions;

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15. *Takes note* of the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on Contributions on measures to encourage the payment of arrears, as contained in paragraphs 68 to 70 of its report;

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16. *Decides* to consider further at the first part of its resumed sixtieth session the methodology to be used in the preparation of the scale of assessments for the period 2007-2009, with a view to giving guidance to the Committee on Contributions on the matter.